

## Statement of Reasons

The Workers' Safety & Compensation Division would like to update and revise several mandatory federal OSHA rule changes.

**Revise and Updating to 1910 Standards for PPE:** OSHA is issuing this final rule to revise the personal protective equipment (PPE) sections of its general industry standards regarding requirements for eye- and face-protective devices, head protection, and foot protection. OSHA is updating the references in its regulations to recognize more recent editions of the applicable national consensus standards, and is deleting editions of the national consensus standards that PPE must meet if purchased before a specified date. In addition, OSHA is amending its provision that requires safety shoes to comply with a specific American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard, and a provision that requires filter lenses and plates in eye-protective equipment to meet a test for transmission of radiant energy specified by another ANSI standard. In amending these paragraphs, OSHA will require this safety equipment to comply with the applicable PPE design provisions. These revisions are a continuation of OSHA's effort to update or remove references to specific consensus and industry standards located throughout its standards.

**Revising Standards Referenced in the Acetylene Standard in 1910 Standards:** OSHA is revising its Acetylene Standard for general industry by updating references to standards published by standards developing organizations (i.e., "SDO standards"). This rulemaking is a continuation of OSHA's ongoing effort to update references to SDO standards used throughout its rules.

**Revising the Notification Requirements in the Exposure Determination Provisions of the Hexavalent Chromium Standards in the 1910 Standard and the 1926 Standard:** OSHA is revising the employee notification requirements in the exposure determination provisions of the standards for Hexavalent Chromium (Cr(VI)).